

**In the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 18 with the following amended

paragraph:

In accordance with one aspect of the present invention, a large reservoir is provided having an extensive surface over which water ~~circulate~~ circulates to a drinking bowl, affording the pet the ability to drink either from the running water on the surface of the tank or from the bowl to which the water flows from the surface, the water in the bowl itself being continuously in motion as well.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

In accordance with another aspect of the present invention, the water reservoir or tank is dome shaped and the large surface serves not only as a large drinking surface for the pet, but also provides a large surface ~~or~~ for oxygenation of the water circulating between the bowl and the surface.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

In accordance with another aspect of the present invention the tank is disposed on a base having a well below the tank. Water in the well passes through a filter and thereafter is pumped up a duct that extends through the tank, and the water spills out of the top of the duct onto its surface. The water then flows down the surface of the tank and a portion of the water flows directly into the bowl which is beside the tank. The rest of the water flowing down the surface of the tank is collected in a gutter that directs it into the bowl. In the preferred embodiment the gutter is inclined to cause the water to flow in one direction and thereafter circulation in the bowl so as to avoid stagnation.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

In accordance with yet another aspect of the present invention, the tank has a convenient handle attached to the duct so that the tank may be lifted from the base and carried to a source of water ~~so that~~ where it may easily be refilled.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

The base 20 shown in detail in FIGS. 4 and 4A includes a peripheral wall 40 that encircles both the tank receptacle 30 and the drinking bowl 32. The two sections of the base, namely the portion that supports the tank assembly 22 and the bowl 32 are preferably formed as a unitized structure. While the receptacle 30 and bowl 32 are shown integrally formed, it should be appreciated that they may be separately formed and linked together by a bracket, fastener or some other device. The receptacle 30, as shown FIGS. 4 and 8, has a central well 44 and a ~~shallow~~ an elevated peripheral portion 46. The peripheral portion 46 is bowed to provide a seat for the tank assembly 22, and the deeper well portion 44 defined by the irregular side wall 48 houses the water filter 26 and pump 28. In FIG. 4A three projections or posts 50, 52, and 54 are shown formed in the lower surface 56 of the well 44, which respectively serve, as follows: post 50 opens a valve that controls the flow of water from the tank when the tank is removed from the base; the post 52 serves to orient the tank assembly on the base 20; and the post 54 positions the pump 28 in the well 44. These features are described in greater detail below. On the elevated portion 46 of the tank receptacle, a sleeve 58 which passes through the lower surface of the base, receives a power cord (not shown) for energizing the pump 28. A channel 60 extends from the sleeve 58 to the wall 48 to permit the power cord to enter the well 44 of the tank receptacle and connect to the pump 28. The channel 60 preferably includes a cover (not shown) to enclose the power cord and prevent any water in the well 44 from dripping through the sleeve 58 to the surface on which the water fountain rests. ~~The~~ A gutter 64 provided about the periphery of the tank receptacle 30 just inside the peripheral wall 40 is designed to carry water that flows down the surface of the tank assembly into the drinking bowl 32. The elevation of the gutter channel decreases in a clockwise direction as viewed in FIG. 4A causing water in the gutter to flow to the gutter lower end 65 and into the drinking bowl 32 to avoid stagnation.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

The upper edge of the sleeve 58 preferably is slightly higher (for example 2mm) than the edge 21 of the base to prevent water in the base from flowing unnoticed, from the base through the power end sleeve to the surface on which the drinking fountain rests ~~through the power cord sleeve~~. If the base is filled to overflowing, the water will run over the edge 21 which would be clearly visible to anyone in attendance. Moreover, the fountain is designed so that the full capacity of the tank 22 does not exceed that of the base. Accordingly, if the tank develops a leak, the water will drain completely into the base but will not spill down through the sleeve to the surface supporting the fountain and go undetected.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

The dome 80 in the embodiment illustrated is generally hemispherically shaped and the duct 86 formed as an integral part thereof extends downwardly from the upper surface 85 to a point slightly below the bottom peripheral edge 88. The bottom cover 82 has a peripheral trough 90 and a central ~~bump~~ hump 92, and the ~~bump~~ hump 92 has an opening 93 at its center through which the duct 86 extends when the dome and bottom cover are assembled together. Gaskets 96 and 98 form seals at the mating portions of the dome and bottom cover, both at the edge 88 of the dome 80 where it engages the periphery 100 of the bottom cover 82 and at the central opening 94 where it engages the duct 86. A retainer 102 is threaded onto the lower threaded end 104 of the duct 86 so as to hold the dome and bottom cover in assembled relationship. It will be noted in FIG. 4 that the trough-shaped portion 90 of the bottom cover mates with the curved portion 46 of the tank receptacle so as to form a firm seat for the tank assembly 22. The retainer 102 also conforms to the shape of the ~~dome or bump~~ hump 92 in the bottom cover.